

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM J. PERRY
REMARKS QUOTED IN THE MEDIA REGARDING BOSNIA
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CBS-TV Program, "CBS Evening News," February 5

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PINKSTON: For now, the Administration is focusing on humanitarian assistance. The Pentagon is sending a medical team and U.S. cargo plane to Sarajevo tomorrow to assess the situation.

While U.S. allies have peacekeeping forces in the region, President Clinton flatly rules out sending U.S. ground troops, fully aware how difficult it is to keep the peace when the combatants won't stop fighting.

SECRETARY PERRY: The United States is not ready, NATO is not prepared to send armies into the former Yugoslavia to enforce a peace agreement against the will of the people.

PINKSTON: The strategy of waiting for the U.N. to fix blame for the attack buys time for the Administration as it desperately seeks to find a solution to the crisis in Bosnia.

Randall Pinkston, CBS News, the White House.

NBC-TV Program, "NBC Nightly News," February 5

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WILLIAMS: The allies have expressed outrage over the attack but there is no indication that NATO air strikes are imminent in any way.

In Munich, Defense Secretary William Perry repeated NATO's general threat of military action in a meeting today with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. In Germany for talks on European security, Perry said the U.S. is against sending ground troops into Bosnia, but he emphasized President Clinton's pledge not to permit, quote, the strangulation of Sarajevo, end quote.